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Video from 2011 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference Now Available Online

SAN FRANCISCO – Videotape of the educational program offered at the 2011 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference, held August 15-18, 2011, in Carlsbad, California, is now available for viewing via the Internet at:

http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/news_media/video_internet.html

The theme of the conference was "Past As Prologue: Celebrating Our History and Building Our Future." The program featured presentations on the limits of federalism; use of neuroscience evidence in the courtroom; historical overviews of search and seizure law; the future of the courts; and a retrospective on 40 years of women in the law. The 9½ hours of videotape also includes a touching tribute to the memory of Chief District Judge John M. Roll, slain in the Tucson shooting rampage last January; award presentations; and a review of the most recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The conference is authorized by law "for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within the circuit." [§ 28 U.S.C. Sec. 333]. Attendees included judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the federal district and bankruptcy courts in nine western states and two Pacific island territories; representatives of the federal bar practicing in these courts; court staff; and special guests.

The 2011 event was organized by the Conference Executive Committee, which was chaired by the Hon. N. Randy Smith of Pocatello, Idaho, a judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The Hon. Laura Taylor, a judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California, chaired the program subcommittee.

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